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CALF CROP 1962

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CALF CROP UP 3 PERCENT

The 1962 calf crop for the United States was 41,026,000 head--3 percent more than the 1961 calf crop of 40,019,000 head and the fourth consecutive year of increase, according to the Crop Reporting Board.

The increased calf crop in 1962, compared with the previous year, was largely the result of the larger number of cows and heifers on farms. There were 47,472,000 head of cows and heifers 2 years old and older January 1, 1962, compared with 46,463,000 head the same date for 1961. By January 1, 1963, the number had increased to 48,690,000 head.

The number of calves born in 1962 expressed as a percent of the cows and heifers 2 years old and older January 1, 1962 was 86 percent, the same as a year earlier. This percentage is not strictly a calving rate because the January 1 inventory of cows and heifers 2 years old and over does not include all heifers that gave birth to calves during the year and includes some cows that died or were slaughtered before calving. This percentage is calculated to show trend in productivity over a period of time and may fluctuate from year to year because of variation in cow slaughter and trends in breeding herd replacement.

NORTH CENTRAL STATES

Most States in this region had larger calf crops in 1962 than in the previous year. Kansas showed the greatest increase for this region--up 7 percent. Other increases were: Wisconsin, Missouri, South Dakota, and Nebraska each up 2 percent; and Illinois, Michigan, Iowa, and North Dakota each 1 percent higher. Ohio and Minnesota were up slightly from 1961, but Indiana was down 1 percent.

SOUTHERN STATES

In the South Atlantic Region, 6 States had larger calf crops in 1962 than in 1961. Florida showed the greatest increase in this region, Delaware was unchanged from a year earlier, and the Maryland calf crop declined 3 percent.

The South Central States had larger calf crops than in 1961, except Mississippi, which was unchanged. Kentucky and Oklahoma, each with a 6 percent increase showed the largest gains, followed by Texas and Tennessee, each up 5 percent from the previous year.

WESTERN STATES

In 1962, all Western States had larger calf crops than in the previous year. Utah had the greatest gain for this region--up 6 percent. New Mexico and Arizona were up 5 percent; and Colorado, Idaho, and Washington each increased 4 percent.

NORTH ATLANTIC STATES

New York, the major cattle State in this region, had a 2 percent larger calf crop in 1962. The calf crop in Pennsylvania, the second State in importance, increased 1 percent, while in third ranking, Vermont declined 1 percent.

Estimates for Alaska and Hawaii included in the United States total beginning with 1961.

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Crop Reporting Board

Washington, D. C.

Calf crop: 1961 and 1962

State	Cows and heifers			Calves born as percent:			Calves born		
	2 yrs. & older			of cows and heifers 2 :					
	January 1			yrs. & older January 1 1/2					
	5-year	:	:	5-year	:	:	5-year	:	:
	average	1961	1962	average	1961	1962	average	1961	1962
	1956-60	:	:	1956-60	:	:	1956-60	:	:
	1,000 head			Percent			1,000 head		
Maine	121	115	115	83	84	83	101	97	95
N.H.	66	61	61	83	87	87	54	53	53
Vt.	304	291	291	83	86	85	253	250	247
Mass.	112	106	103	81	82	83	91	87	85
R.I.	17	15	15	79	82	82	14	12	12
Conn.	109	102	96	80	80	81	88	82	78
N.Y.	1,464	1,433	1,439	85	84	85	1,245	1,204	1,223
N.J.	152	143	141	79	80	81	121	114	114
Pa.	1,092	1,082	1,088	86	87	87	935	941	947
Ohio	1,086	1,025	1,014	86	85	86	930	871	872
Ind.	882	823	825	87	88	87	771	724	718
Ill.	1,392	1,316	1,324	88	88	88	1,222	1,158	1,165
Mich.	894	815	821	84	87	87	748	709	714
Wis.	2,590	2,525	2,537	90	90	91	2,336	2,272	2,309
Minn.	1,791	1,777	1,818	89	90	88	1,598	1,599	1,600
Iowa	1,970	1,929	1,953	93	91	91	1,828	1,755	1,777
Mo.	1,853	1,878	1,943	90	90	89	1,660	1,690	1,729
N.Dak.	974	963	983	89	92	91	862	886	895
S.Dak.	1,545	1,561	1,597	90	93	93	1,386	1,452	1,485
Nebr.	1,830	1,885	1,919	90	91	91	1,660	1,714	1,746
Kans.	1,584	1,640	1,761	88	90	90	1,394	1,476	1,585
Del.	38	33	32	79	79	82	30	26	26
Md.	286	281	280	84	85	83	240	239	232
Va.	751	766	789	84	85	84	627	651	663
W.Va.	315	300	304	83	85	85	261	255	258
N.C.	535	499	505	78	78	78	417	389	394
S.C.	321	297	302	77	78	78	246	232	236
Ga.	785	741	766	80	81	80	625	600	613
Fla.	991	912	942	66	68	72	652	620	678
Ky.	1,033	1,111	1,177	90	90	90	931	1,000	1,059
Tenn.	1,015	1,047	1,110	87	88	87	879	921	966
Ala.	960	931	951	80	81	81	764	754	770
Miss.	1,328	1,214	1,214	75	76	76	991	923	923
Ark.	836	803	803	80	79	81	666	634	650
La.	1,144	1,108	1,122	78	78	78	890	864	875
Okla.	1,628	1,765	1,886	85	86	85	1,390	1,518	1,603
Texas	4,624	4,984	5,100	85	83	85	3,921	4,137	4,335
Mont.	1,194	1,214	1,222	90	91	91	1,077	1,105	1,112
Idaho	597	608	641	89	91	90	534	553	577
Wyo.	564	577	581	88	88	88	497	508	511
Colo.	876	927	942	89	88	90	776	816	848
N.Mex.	663	676	712	84	84	84	554	568	598
Ariz.	414	391	420	77	81	79	317	317	332
Utah	353	362	378	85	85	86	302	308	325
Nev.	289	290	286	78	78	80	226	226	229
Wash.	533	566	589	88	90	90	466	509	530
Oreg.	697	732	742	86	86	86	602	630	638
Calif.	1,742	1,750	1,739	87	86	88	1,509	1,505	1,530
48 Sts.	46,337	46,370	47,379	86	86	86	39,686	39,954	40,960
Alaska	---	4.2	4.6	---	83	80	---	3.5	3.7
Hawaii	---	89	89	---	69	70	---	61	62
U.S.	---	46,463	47,472	---	86	86	---	40,019	41,026

1/ Not strictly a calving rate. Figure represents calves born expressed as percentage of the number of cows and heifers 2 years old and over on farms and ranches January 1.